

TO SETTLE TAX KICKS OUT OF COURT

Many Plantations Agree
to Compromise
Claims.

INCREASES MANY

Rush to Pay Crowds
Office of Tax
Collector.

(From Thursday's Advertiser.)

The biggest of the tax appeal court cases for the district of Oahu were settled yesterday, when the plantations which had filed appeals all paid their taxes, on a compromise basis. The general basis of settlements is very near to that offered by the companies in the original discussion. The compromises then offered by the plantations were turned down, but yesterday they were accepted, after a lot of legal and other discussion, and the expected big fights over tax assessments of plantations on Oahu will not take place.

Ewa Plantation company paid taxes yesterday on \$5,725,000 worth of property. Its tax return was at \$4,000,000 and this was raised by the assessor and board of equalization to \$6,500,000. The sum on which taxes were paid is a lift of a million and three-quarters from the return.

Oahu's Rise.

Oahu Sugar Company's return was \$4,000,000. The taxes paid yesterday were upon a valuation of \$5,300,000. The assessment was \$5,375,000; and the compromise figure offered was \$5,250,000, practically the figure at which the tax was finally paid.

Waianae Sugar Company's compromise figure was accepted. The company returned at \$650,000 and was assessed at a million. It proposed \$750,000 as a compromise figure, and this was the sum upon which it was allowed to pay taxes yesterday.

Waimanalo, like Waianae, also paid on its compromise figure, the sum being \$475,000. It returned at \$425,000 and was assessed for \$525,000.

Real Estate Appeals.

The settlement of these big cases leaves little for the tax appeal court to handle in this district except real estate cases. There is a long list of such cases, and it may be that a number of them will be fought out. "Real estate values are largely a matter of opinion," said Assessor Wilder yesterday, "and perhaps differences over them may have to be fought out."

Much Paid In.

Yesterday was the last day for the payment of taxes, without a penalty for delinquency, for the first half of this year, and the receipts were very heavy. Property, income and personal taxes came in very fast all day, and the result was that night work was needed to tally up the totals.

Hundreds of persons early formed a large crowd going in and out of the office of Tax Assessor Wilder nearly fighting to get a chance to pay their taxes on the last day before they became delinquent. Up to a late hour last evening the tax office force was busy working on the returns, but it will be several days before it will be possible to get definite information as to the amount taken on this day.

From the time the office was open for business in the morning there was a crowd inside, and it was a tired lot of clerks who heaved sighs of relief when the hour for closing came yesterday afternoon, and they could go to work on the returns which had come in, and count the cash.

MATERIAL FOR THE GREAT BREAKWATER ON ITS WAY HERE

One hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars worth of equipment is on the way to Honolulu from the Atlantic seaboard for the \$500,000 superstructure of the Hilo breakwater. Vice-President Wood of the Philadelphia Breakwater Company, who arrived on the Wilhelmina from the mainland, will be ready to start work in a few weeks, but cannot commence until the Lord-Young Construction Company has finished its substructure contract.

A cargo of heavy timbers is also on the way and will reach Hilo in a short time. Mr. Wood will probably go over to Hilo next week and will start work on the necessary barges and lighters. This work will be started by D. E. Metzger. When the work is about ready Mr. Wood will bring out to the islands a number of his expert breakwater builders, men who have worked all along the Atlantic Coast and on the Great Lakes.

FAVORS THE DIRECT ELECTION OF SOLONS

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Vice-President Sherman yesterday signed the joint resolution calling for the direct election of senators by the people.

PLAN MEETING OF BOARD OF TRADE

HILO'S BODY TAKES FIRST STEP
IN MOMENTOUS MOVEMENT
IN THE ISLANDS.

Hilo's Board of Trade has taken the initiative in calling a convention of all the commercial organizations of the Territory, with Hilo to act as hostess. The object is to have the members of these bodies become better acquainted and to bring the organizations together in such a manner that they will cooperate in the future in matters of common interest. The Hilo board of trade was to have held a meeting at Hilo Tuesday to decide upon a plan of action and to extend the invitations to the other organizations.

The matter was brought up before the meeting of the Hilo board of trade directors by Dr. Elliott, the president of the board, last week and it was decided to place the proposition before the general meeting on Tuesday. The proposition has been taken up in a tentative manner during the past month, and there has been some correspondence in this line with several prominent business men of Honolulu.

So far the proposition has met with considerable encouragement. It is plain that the commercial interests of the entire group by being associated, more or less formally, will acquire a unity which will make for strength. The interests of the various commercial bodies coincide in most matters, and by working together the united business interests could without doubt make their power felt in a manner far more effective than they can at present, when they work without unity of cooperation.

All Get Together.

It has been suggested that the commercial and civic bodies including the chamber of commerce and the merchants' association, of Honolulu; the chamber of commerce of Maui; the Civic League of Kohala, and the Improvement Club of Kona, be invited to join with the Hilo Board of Trade in a general convention to be held in Hilo at a time to be agreed upon by the various organizations. For such a convention an appropriate program would be prepared, and, while the business men from the various islands would thus be given an opportunity to become better acquainted, the convention would proceed to outline some form of a central organization or federation of the different bodies, which could arrange for annual conventions, to be held on the different islands, and which could make such provisions as should be found useful or necessary for the carrying out of the work of the various institutions as a unit.

Honolulu in Favor.

E. I. Spaulding, president of the chamber of commerce, and A. J. Gignoux, president of the merchants' association, are each fully in accord with the purposes of the proposed convention. "Personally, it appears to me to be a good movement," said Mr. Spaulding yesterday. "While we have to consider our local interests and act as effectively as we can, frequently matters of general or territorial interest, such as federal or local legislation, arise in which harmonious and united action is very desirable. By becoming better acquainted in our various commercial organizations, methodical action can be obtained."

"Honolulu has been at a disadvantage in the past by a lack of union in regard to important public matters and the failure to pull together, and the Territory has also suffered because of lack of united action."

"So far as the attitude of the local chamber of commerce is concerned that is a matter to be decided by the board of trustees. A preliminary letter from Doctor Elliott was read at the last meeting of the trustees and was received with favorable expressions. We understood then that a formal invitation to cooperate would be extended to the chamber."

LONELY MULE ON HAWAII EASILY MULEDOM'S LEADER

HILO, May 14.—A dead man's mule, an animal which the deceased owner did not value at the annual tax on his hide, has been the cause of bitter litigation, in which a whole squad of lawyers were employed, much money spent and a final settlement made in which the mule's value was boosted up to double its assessed value during the lifetime of the original owner.

A Hawaiian was the original owner, and a time came when he did not see any profit in paying taxes on the beast, so he swore that he was not the owner. The assessed value of the animal was then \$75.

The mule survived the owner, however, and the administrator of the estate sold the animal property which the dead man had owned, to a Chinaman, Lau Chu by name, who had no sooner closed the deal than he learned that Court Clerk James Ako had appropriated his purchase some time before and intended to hold it to him.

Then began the battle. Attorney McBride brought a replevin suit against Lau Chu on behalf of the Chinaman who got judgment, but Ako appealed and employed three lawyers, while the administrator also employed counsel to protect his interest. Finally, after many days of argument over the property rights to this precious, but unwitting mule Ako got judgment and Lau Chu, who still loved the animal, bought it from the court clerk for \$125. The total costs, attorney fees and settlement price places this once despised mule on the pinnacle of Hawaii's muledom for he is undoubtedly the most expensive of the kind in the islands.

TAR AND FEATHERS FOR ANARCHIST IN SAN DIEGO



EMMA GOLDMAN.

Anarchist leader, whose secretary was tarred and feathered by angry crowd in San Diego, California, yesterday, and who was forced to leave town herself.

LOS ANGELES, May 16.—Dr. Ben Reitman, press agent and tour manager for Emma Goldman, the anarchist propagandist, arrived here yesterday from San Diego in a miserable plight and told how he had been tarred and feathered by the vigilantes of San Diego, run out of town, turned loose in the scariest garb to shift for himself and warned to return no more.

He claims that they forcibly abducted him, stripped off his clothes and smuggled him out of the city in an automobile. The gang then built a fire, melted a quantity of tar in a cauldron and plastered a thick coat of it over the big ex-hobo's entire body. One of the vigilantes then slit open a feather pillow, and the entire troupe participated in the feathering process. As a final touch they burned I. W. W. in the tar on his chest with a lighted cigar. He was then supplied with a suit of underwear, a ticket to Los Angeles and advised not to return to San Diego.

He walked all night and arrived at Escandido on the Santa Fe road at daylight. He had no little difficulty in procuring sufficient clothes to appear in the open streets, but he finally got on the train and came into Los Angeles. He has not yet succeeded in removing

the signs of his tarring and is suffering from exposure and exhaustion.

Emma Goldman also arrived here today and joined Reitman at his hotel. After her fellow anarchist had been forcibly removed from the town the vigilance committee called upon her at her hotel and demanded that she leave town. For a time she resisted stubbornly but such pressure was brought to bear upon her that she finally thought better of it and boarded the train for Los Angeles.

Ben Reitman has been allied with Emma Goldman for a number of years. He was expelled from a German university for his radicalism, became a stoker on transatlantic liners, turned tramp in the United States, completed his medical studies in Chicago and for a time practiced medicine with success. While touring Europe he became involved in radical movements in the Balkan States and was imprisoned, but liberated through the intervention of the State department. Since his return to America he has been connected with labor movements, the promotion of the anarchistic propaganda and similar agitations and has toured the mainland with Emma Goldman for a number of years. He is a man of tremendous physique and a striking presence.

PRETTY LITTLE ROMANCE BLOSSOMS OUT OF NASTY SCANDAL ON HAWAII

(Mail Special to The Advertiser.)

HILO, May 14.—Out of a most humiliating scandal, dragged through the courts and as publicly aired as ever a scandal was, a romance, quiet and unobtrusive, has blossomed in Kailua. Lillian Wilson, the seventeen-year-old daughter of Schoolmaster Wilson, who figured so prominently in the recent Hilo school affair, was recently married to Yotaro, the Japanese police officer and interpreter, who came to know her during the investigations and hearing conducted by Sheriff Pua, and became devoted to the little hapa-haole lass during the prolonged sessions of the investigations.

Since the case of the schoolmaster and his daughter was first brought to police attention, Lillian Wilson has living at the Wainaku residence of Sher-

iff Pua, and it was there that the Japanese began his courting. Later, he and the girl were in the party that went to Kailua to appear before the grand jury in the Wilson case, and during the jury's hearing his attentions became so marked that the Kona populace began to gossip about the case and Yotaro, blind to the indications of disapproval, had to be warned by his superiors. Yotaro promptly took the hint, and without delay proposed to the principal witness in the case in which he was interpreter, and they were as promptly married by District Magistrate Kamukou.

Yotaro played the part of the infatuated lover to perfection, and this is a special tribute to Lillian's charms because the policeman is no novice having married twice before with little success or ultimate joy.

WORK ON GREAT MAULUA BRIDGE OF THE HILO RAILROAD TO START AT ONCE

(Mail Special to The Advertiser.)

HILO, May 14.—Work on the construction of the great Maulua bridge will be begun soon. If everything goes according to schedule, the Hilo Railroad Company will be running its trains to Laupahoehoe by the end of September. The work on this side of the Maulua gulch has been progressing very rapidly during the past couple of weeks, and by next Saturday everything on this side thereof will have been completed. The Maulua bridge is the great obstacle now to be tackled. It will be over a thousand feet long, and will have a height of 150 feet, making

it the largest bridge on the extension. It is estimated that it will take nearly three months to complete it.

The railroad workers have worked out a schedule of dates on which they expect to finish various sections of the work. According to this schedule, the crossing of the Laupahoehoe gulch should be under way during the middle of September.

On this schedule Mr. Thurston bases his hope that Laupahoehoe will be linked to Hilo by rails before the end of September. "According to the schedule plan, unless we have very bad weather or accidents, we should be running our trains to Laupahoehoe by the end of September," he said last week.

mediate attention. This remedy has never failed to give relief. For sale by Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii.

HAWAIIANS ARRIVE.

CHICAGO, May 15.—H. L. Holstein and Colonel Sam Parker of Hawaii are the first two delegates to arrive here.

Neither Parker nor Holstein are delegates.

COL. ROOSEVELT SURE OF SUCCESS SAYS "WILL WIN ON FIRST BALLOT"

CLARENCE DARROW NOW ON TRIAL

FAMOUS LAWYER FOR McNAMARA
BROTHERS FACING BRIBERY
CHARGE IN LOS ANGELES.

LOS ANGELES, May 15.—Clarence S. Darrow, former chief counsel for the McNamara brothers, was placed on trial yesterday morning on the charge of having bribed jurors in the case of the confessed dynamiter, James B. McNamara, now serving a life term in San Quentin prison.

Presiding Judge Hutton last March fixed the date for the trial after counsel had agreed that the court should render a third ruling regarding the sufficiency of the transcript of grand jury evidence originally furnished to the defense by the district attorney.

Judge Hutton, nullifying two previous rulings which conflicted, held that with the addition of informal notes of the testimony of Bert Franklin before the grand jury the transcript was sufficient. Franklin acted as detective for the McNamara defense and confessed having offered a bribe to a McNamara juror.

The district attorney said these informal notes were all he had, and that in sharing with the defense he was giving Darrow "an even break."

The attorneys for Darrow said they were satisfied with the ruling, and would accept the transcript which previously had been refused.

KING LIES DEAD FOR HOURS BEFORE HIS BODY IS RECOGNIZED

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, May 15.—International court circles have been startled by the story of the death of King Frederik VIII, which, it was first announced, occurred yesterday.

It was learned today that King Frederik died in a police hospital at 10 o'clock last night of apoplexy. It appears that he was overcome with an attack while walking incognito and unattended, and that his body lay unidentified for several hours.

The crown prince, Christian X., was proclaimed king today.

King Frederik died in Hamburg. The funeral will take place May 24.

EXPECT BATTLE THIS MORNING

JIMINEZ, Mexico, May 16.—A second battle between the federal forces under General Huerta and the rebels under Orozco is expected this morning. The two armies are drawing close to each other and last night were ready to strike.

MASKED BANDITS ROB EXPRESS

NEW ORLEANS, May 15.—Two masked men dynamited the express safe of the New Orleans & Northwestern Railroad at midnight last night, eight miles from Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and escaped with a package containing \$140,000. Poses are pursuing.

BIG MONEY FOR PEARL HARBOR JOB

The naval appropriation bill contains the following items for Pearl Harbor: \$152,500 for a naval magazine. The appropriations for steam engineering and construction and repair plants remain the same as last year, except at Pearl Harbor, where construction and repair will be allotted \$200,000 and steam engineering \$300,000.

BIG CLASS FINISHES.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—Six hundred and seventy-nine, a record-breaking number, were graduated today from the University of California.

TRADE GEOGRAPHY TAUGHT WITH SAMPLES.

KANSAS CITY, April 30.—A unique plan to teach commercial geography has been adopted by Virgil Jagon, principal of a grade school here. From every American consul in the world he obtained some article showing the most important product or industry of the country in which that consul is located. The school children now are making a commercial map of the world with the samples the various consuls sent.

Rough Rider Claims Five Hundred Votes.

LATEST FIGURES IN CALIFORNIA'S VOTE

SAN FRANCISCO, May 16.—The latest vote of the California Presidential preference primaries give the following figures to the different candidates. Roosevelt, 132,875; Taft, 67,050; La Follette, 44,131; Clark, 39,134; Wilson, 16,919. President Taft is credited with the Fourth congressional district, where claims are made that he won by a plurality of 154. There is a possible contest of these two delegates.

DAYTON, Ohio, May 16.—In an enthusiastic address made last night before a tremendous crowd here former President Roosevelt declared that he is sure of the nomination on the first ballot at the national Republican convention at Chicago.

He expressed himself as delighted with the results in California and declared that other States which still have presidential primaries will follow the example set by the Golden State. He said:

"I am confident, after the showing made by the voters of the different States where presidential primaries have been held during this campaign, that I shall be nominated on the first ballot at the Chicago convention. I am now in a position to announce that I have at present 500 uncontested delegates who will cast their ballots for me at the convention. It will be remembered that there are needed to nominate 539 delegates. I am confident that I shall be able to win the 39 votes now lacking before the time comes for the convention."

ROW IN WASHINGTON.

ABERDEEN, Washington, May 16.—Two Republican conventions were held here yesterday without any real results being obtained. The Taft and Roosevelt factions held independent meetings and the delegates elected by both conventions will be contested before the convention.

DELEGATES FREE.

BAY CITY, Michigan, May 16.—The Democratic convention here yesterday refused to instruct the Michigan delegation to the Baltimore convention, and the delegates will go there unpledged for any candidate.

BOURBONS UNFETTERED.

COLUMBIA, North Carolina, May 16.—The North Carolina Democratic convention which met here yesterday adjourned without having instructed the delegates to vote for Clark, Wilson, or Underwood. There was no fight in the convention.

TENNESSEE LIKEWISE.

NASHVILLE, Tennessee, May 16.—The Democratic convention held aloof from all candidates now in the Democratic field, and declined to instruct the delegates to the national convention for any candidate.

UTAH FOR TAFT.

PROVO, Utah, May 16.—The State Republican convention yesterday instructed the solid state delegation to the Chicago convention for President Taft.

WANT CONFERENCE ON COST OF LIVING

WASHINGTON, May 16.—The senate committee on foreign affairs yesterday reported favorably on the resolution calling for an international conference to discuss the present high cost of living, the reasons therefore, and if possible find some solution.

MINERS SAVED.

IRONWOOD, Michigan, May 15.—Six of the entombed miners have been rescued.

LEVEE BREAKS AGAIN.

NEW ORLEANS, May 15.—There has been a break in the opposite levee and hundreds are fleeing.

SILENCE GOLDEN.

Martin Fignerra, a Porto Rican of Hilo, with a jail record as long as his arm, learned last week that silence is golden. He had just been sentenced to three months imprisonment by Judge Wise of the Hawaii city court, when he was heard to mutter something on his way to the dock. On inquiry it was ascertained that Martin had said that he would be ever so much more lary when he got out of jail. On the strength of this, the first sentence was vacated, and a sentence of six months handed out in its place.